

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 28 February 2023

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Master of Science in Nursing

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new graduate degree and diploma programs, major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modifications to the Master of Science in Nursing.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing the following changes:

1. Remove from the program description the mandatory one-week face-to-face residency component at the beginning of each new intake in May; and
2. Add a statement about PLAR to the admission section of the academic calendar.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

No need for a transition plan as students who started in May 2020, 2021 and 2022 did not get the one-week face-to-face residency.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- Graduate Studies Committee: 24 January 2023
- Curriculum Committee: 29 September 2022

Consultations with nursing faculty and current students highlighted that the one-week in-person residency posed challenges given that most students are working full time.

NEXT STEPS:

- Pending the approval of Academic Council, the changes will be included in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Major Program Modification proposal](#)